

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF NURSING
SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACTIONS
Board Meeting
April 15 and 16, 2004**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following is a list of Board Officers elected for the 2004-2005 term:

President – Jimmy Isenberg, RN
Vice-President – Elizabeth Partin, ARNP
Secretary – Sally Baxter, RN
Financial Officer – Catherine Hogan, RN

REFRESHER COURSE

Approved the changes to 201 KAR 20:095, 201 KAR 20:110, and 201 KAR 20:225.

LPN SCOPE OF PRACTICE REGULATION

Approved the changes to 201 KAR 20:490 as revised.

FINANCIAL

Approved the annual license renewal fee be set at \$50.00; the one-card ARNP/RN annual registration / licensure renewal fee be set at \$100.00; the retiree licensure fee be set at \$25.00; and the name change fee be set at \$35.00. The proposed effective date of these fees will be July 1, 2005.

NURSING EDUCATION

Directed the development of a web page, as an addition to the Kentucky Board of Nursing website, to serve as a clearinghouse of education materials and resources for programs of nursing within Kentucky.

Directed the development of a web page, as an addition to the Kentucky Board of Nursing website, to include more detailed geographical information about the programs of nursing within Kentucky.

Approved the move of the Laurel Technical College Practical Nursing Program located in Rockcastle Hospital, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, from the present location to a space that is suitable to comply with requirements set forth in 201 KAR 20:350: "Educational facilities and resources for prelicensure registered nurse and practical nurse programs." This relocation shall be accomplished prior to the beginning of the Fall 2004 Semester.

Directed the Laurel Technical College Practical Nursing Program, Mt. Vernon, to submit a progress report to the Board related to the relocation within the 2003-2004 Pre-Licensure Program of Nursing Annual Academic Summary Report.

NURSING PRACTICE

Approved the letter of response to the opinion requests of January 22, 2004 from Charles E. Carter, MD, Kosair Children's Hospital, Louisville; February 4, 2004 from Thomas Fuhrman, MD, President, Kentucky Society of Anesthesiologists, Lexington; January 5, 2004 from Vicki Montgomery, MD, Kosair Children's Hospital, Louisville; February 12, 2004 from Brenda Farmer, ARNP, and February 26, 2004, from Weller Head, ARNP, Kentucky Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Shelbyville; and March 12, 2004 from Brenda Chapman, RN, TJ Samson Hospital, Glasgow, addressing the administration of Propofol/Diprivan by nurses, as revised.

Approved the proposed revisions to Advisory Opinion Statement (AOS) #25, "Peripheral Insertion of Central, Midclavicular and Midline Intravenous Catheters by Nurses."

Approved the letter of response to the opinion requests of January 16, 2004 from Michelle Sharp, RN, Owensboro Medical Health System, Owensboro, and March 4, 2004, from Jean Yates, RN, Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonburg, on the roles of nurses in ordering preoperative tests.

Approved the letter of response to the opinion request dated February 2, 2004 from Laura F. Donahue, ARNP, and Genevieve Mulkins, ARNP, Jefferson County Public Schools, Louisville, requesting an opinion on the administration of medication via gastrostomy tubes by unlicensed assistive personnel to students in school settings.

Approved the proposed revisions to Advisory Opinion Statement #15, "Roles of Nurses in the Supervision and Delegation of Nursing Acts to Unlicensed Personnel."

Approved the letter of response to the opinion request of March 8, 2004 from Joan M. Riebel, Director of Labor, Kentucky Nurses Association, Louisville, on the roles and responsibilities of the registered nurse and licensed practical nurse in an acute care unit.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Directed that the practice of issuing letters of concern to nurses under investigation as a resolution of the complaint be continued.

Directed that the practice of notifying the complainant that a letter of concern has been sent be discontinued, but continue to notify the complainant of file away status.

Directed that the practice of sending letters of concern to facilities or individuals who are not under the Board's jurisdiction be discontinued, but to refer this information to the appropriate agency.

ADVANCED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTICE COUNCIL

Approved the revisions to 201 KAR 20:056, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner Registration, Program Requirements, Recognition of a National Certifying Organization.

CREDENTIALS REVIEW PANEL

Directed that a meeting be held with the Inspector General of Kentucky to discuss the response of facilities to complaints and survey visits by the OIG staff.

KENTUCKY ALTERNATIVE RECOVERY EFFORT (KARE) PROGRAM PANEL

Approved the proposed revision to the Kentucky Alternative Recovery Effort (KARE) for Nurses Program Panel Scope and Function Statement.

VISION OF THE FUTURE OF NURSING TASK FORCE

Directed that the Board develop a set of action plans dealing with the following Patient Safety Initiative issues:

1. Direct care initiatives
 - a. The prevention of errors, primarily medication errors
2. Integration of education and practice
 - a. Standardization of nursing education programs for ARNP, LPN, and BSN completion
 - b. Continued competency
 - c. Congruence of education and practice, which would include how changes in nursing practice are incorporated into nursing program curricula

Directed that a joint meeting of the Education, Practice, and Consumer Protection Committees be convened to develop a set of action plans for these initiatives.

Directed that having met the charge of the Board, the Vision of the Future of Nursing Task Force be dissolved.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Approved eleven (11) Proposed Decisions, and received reports on the approval of fifteen (15) Agreed Orders, nine (9) Consent Decrees, and three (3) Removal of Licenses from Probation..

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